Coastal Zone Management Plan for Navi Mumbai

*374. SHRI MURLI DEORA:
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coastal Zone Management Plan for Navi Mumbai was submitted to Central Government by the State Government of Maharashtra as early as November, 1990;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for delay in cleaning the plan; and

(d) the stage at which the matter stands and by when it is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The Coastal Management Plan (CZMP) for Maharashtra including the coastal stretches of Navi Mumbai, was submitted to the Central Government by the Government of Maharashtra in November, 1995. This plan was approved by Government of India in September, 1996 subject to various conditions and modifications and the State Government was required to resubmit the revised CZMP within two months. The revised Coastal Zone Management Plan for Navi Mumbai was submitted by Government of Maharashtra to Central Government in November, 1998.

(c) and (d) Since the revised Coastal Zone Management Plan for Navi Mumbai is not in conformity with the provisions of the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991, it has not been approved.

Rail projects in Tripura

*375. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the plan of Government to link all the capital cities of the north-eastern States with New Delhi by railways;

(b) the decision of Government to sanction railway line from Agartala to Subroom in Tripura; and

(c) by when the trains will be able to reach Agartala?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) The Capital cities of North Eastern States not yet connected with rail link are Itanagar, Shillong, Kohima, Imphal, Agartala, Aizwal and Gangtok. State-wise position is as follows:-

Sl. No.	Name of State	Capital	Remarks
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar	The work of new line from Harmuti to Itanagar in progress.
2.	Tripura	Agartala	The work of Kumarghat-Agartala new line is in progress.
3.	Manipur	Imphal	The work of new line from Jiribam to Imphal (Tupul) is in progress.
4.	Nagaland	Kohima	Survery for new line from Dimapur to Kohima is in progress. Further consideration of the project would be possible once the survey report becomes available.
5.	Mizoram	Aizwal	Updating survey for new line from Bairabhi to Aizwal (Sairang) is in progress. Further consideration of the proejct would be possible once the survey report becomes available.
6.	Sikkim	Gangtok	The survey for rail line to Gangtok had been conducted earlier from Sivok to Singtam (a place short of Gangtok by about 35 kms). Beyond Singtam, the line has not been considered feasible due to hilly terrain. However, inview of the acute constraint of resoruces and heavy throwforward of ongoing projects, the proposal could not be considered.
7.	Meghalaya	Shillong	Feasibility study for providing rail connectivity is being taken up.

(b) The survey for new line from Agartala to Sabroom *via* Belonia (110 km) was completed in May, 2000. As per the survey report, the cost of construction of this line was assessed as Rs. 370 crore with a negative rate of return. This proposal could not be considered inview of heavy throwforward of ongoing projects and acute constraints of resources. An updating survey for new line from Agartala to Sabroom has been included in the Budget 2004-05.

(c) The work on Kumarghat-Agartala project is in progess and the project is expected to be completed in about 4 years period depending upon availability of resoruces.

Notifications for peventing constructions

*376. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the immediate cause of action leading to issue of notifications preventing construction of structures by the State Governments/other agencies under the preservation of environment and prevention of environmental pollution;

(b) whether it is true that a number of State Governments have strongly objected this kind of move requesting to annul it; and .

(c) whether it is also true that the Notification in question has been stayed by the Court of Law and the said notification has no retrospective effect?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The Central Government has not issued any Notification to prevent the construction of structures by the State Governments or other agencies. However, concerned about the continuing pollution of the rivers and water bodies by release of untreated sewage, and effluents from industrial estates, the Central Government had issued a Draft Notification on 27th October, 2003 to bring new construction projects and new industrial estates with prescribed threshold levels within the purview of the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 1994, requiring prior environmental clearance from Central Government. The said draft notification was finalised following the due procedure prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 and final notification was issued on 7th July, 2004.

(b) Only a few States had objected to the issue of the draft notification and had requested for its withdrawal.

(c) Yes, Sir. An interim stay has been granted by the High Court of Madras on 26th July, 2004 and che matter is subjudice.